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CLAY SHAW:

Paese Sera (A ~~xxxx~~ Rome afternoon newspaper, which though pro-communist is highly respected for its ability to get the news first) carried a story in its Saturday, March 4, edition which involved Clay L. Shaw in a World Trade Center corporation which is, according to the paper, ~~xxxx~~ highly suspect.

The story said that between 1958 and 1962 this World Trade Center corporation (my translation of the Italian name ~~xxxxxxx~~ may be slightly off it could be Commercial World Center) operatred in Rome.

Paese Sera claims this organization is a front for the CIA.

Ostensibly the corporation is for the promotion of trade through industrial shows.

The corporation started in Switzerland under the name MONTIMPEX and moved to Italy after several influential Swiss papers started attacking the company as a racket.

In Italy, the company built a rather ostentatious palace type exhibition hall, but they practically never had any trade exhibitions.

The financing of the corporation was peculiar. ~~xxxxxxxx~~ The group seemed to have little in the way of capital assets but always seemed to have money available.

The corporation was moved to Johannesburg, S.A., in 1962, where it is still in existance under the same name, ~~xxxxxxxx~~ World Trade Center, some of the same sponsors, directors, etc. The corporation maintains Rome ties, however, through a firm known as the Italy-American Hotel Company, which is building a hotel in Rome ~~xxxx~~ now.

Shaw is listed in the firm's documents as a member of the board of ~~xx~~ directors.
Among other directors is an ex-premier of Hungary, Ferenc Nagy; a man named George Mandel (goes under Mantello in Italy) who has been mixed up in some shady attempts to purchase national monument sites for real estate developments in Italy; an uncle of King Farouk, Munir Chourbagi, who was the victim in a recent sensational murder; and a former World War II OSS major, L. M. Bloomfield, who is now a banker in Montreal. Bloomfield apparently holds the majority of stock in the corporation.

At various times a number of Italian politicians and influential Swiss bankers, whose names ~~x~~ are mentioned in the story, are reported to have been mixed up in the corporation.

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The Rome counterpart of the New York Times, the conservative and highly influential Corriere De Lla Sera, published a similar story in its Sunday, March 5, edition, minus the CIA allegation.

Shaw is reported to have taken a trip to Rome within 4 days after the assassination.

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John Capelli of Paese Sera (Plaza 41234, Ext. 2295, N.Y.) told me that George Mandel has been in the U.S. twice within the last three months to get money for the Italy-America Hotel Co. The company bought a big estate just outside Rome which used to belong to the Italian Royal family, estate called "Capocotta", famous Italian murder case occurred their recently. Mandel is to build a summer resort residential complex on the estate, with the money coming from the U.S. and Canada.

The question is, are Shaw and Bloomfield still associated with this corporation.